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**MEETING MINUTES**  
**RESTORATIVE JUSTICE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Place:** The McCormack Building  
One Ashburton Place  
Charles River Conference Room, 10<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Boston, MA 02108

**Date and Time:** April 9, 2019 from 11:00AM-1:00PM

**Agenda Items:**

**1. Call to Order**

At 11:05AM, Chair Deputy Secretary Jennifer Queally called this meeting of the Restorative Justice Advisory Committee to order.

**2. Welcome and Introductions**

**3. Attendees**

**Voting Members**

**1.** Chair Jennifer Queally-EOPSS; **2.** Scott Taberner-HHS; **3.** Dave Sullivan- MDAA;  
**4.** \*Mindy Schiedler-Probation; **5.** Diane Coffey-MOVA; **6.** Dave Sullivan- MDAA; **7.** Nicholas Cocchi- MA Sheriff's Association; **8.** Hon. Rosemary Minehan-Trial Court; **9.** Erin Freeborn- Communities for Restorative Justice; **10.** Susan Jeghelian-MOPC; **11.** Kara Hayes- Chief of Community Engagement-Suffolk DA's Office **12.** Carolyn Boyes-Watson-Center for Restorative Justice at Suffolk University **13.** Strong Oak Lefebvre-Visioning B.E.A.R.Circle Intertribal Coalition

\*Designee for John Millett-Probation

**EOPSS Staff** -Anjeza Xhemollari and Lisbeth Pimentel

**Guests-** Nick Melikian, Monica Dominique, Mary Quinn, Bernard Nolan, Brenda Nolan and Christy Barbee

**4. Review/Approval of Meeting Minutes from March 12, 2019**

A motion (NC) was made to approve the minutes pending the edits. The motion was seconded (ST) and passed unanimously.

**5. Presentation by Strong Oak Lefebvre, Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Visioning B.E.A.R. Intertribal Coalition, Inc. "Restorative Justice from an Indigenous Perspective: Building Safe Communities"**

Strong Oak Lefebvre gives a powerful presentation on Restorative Justice from an Indigenous Perspective. Her presentation focuses on best circle practices. The circles of support for restoring communities to wholeness. She also talked about different modules of teaching and how everything gets intertwined into one. She stated that all conversations are recorded and that helps with evaluation and data gathering. Overall the presentation was great and well received by the board members.

**6. Determine Subcommittees**

After a long discussion on determine subcommittees, the committee decided to re-group in May and only schedule the forming of the subcommittees. The memo from Susan Jeghelian and Carolyn Boyes-Watson served as a great foundation on subcommittee names and descriptions, but more time was needed. Some board members might even want to tackle a new RFI in a subcommittee format.

**7. Change date of next meeting 5.14.19**

A tentative date of May 7, 2019 from 11:00AM-1:00PM was chosen by the committee.

**8. Public Comment (10 minutes)**

Public Comment was open for a couple of minutes (1-2) and the public didn't make any comments.

**9. Open Session for Topics not Reasonably Anticipated within 48 Hours of the Meeting**

N/A

**10. Adjourn**

Sheriff Cocchi made a motion to adjourn, motion was second by Hon. Minehan and approved unanimously. The meeting concluded at 1:00PM